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The African Trade in no Danger of being L O S T,

Otherwise than by the Designs of the Company.

AS Matters of Fact are the best Arguments against the *African Company's* fallacious Suggestions cook'd up by the mercenary Writers of the Town, and daily given out in the Lobby, *So that Assertion that the Private Traders have sent out this Year but Eight Ships to Africa, and that the Trade is therefore like to be Lost,* are plainly disprov'd by the following Account of the Course of the Trade the last Year.

An Account of Ships dispatch'd from the several Ports of GREAT BRITAIN and the PLANTATIONS to the Coast of AFRICA, between Michaelmas 1709, and Michaelmas 1710. on Account of the Separate Traders, with the Ten per Cent. Duty paid to the Royal African Company on each Ship, the Number of Pieces of Woollen Goods loaden therein, and the Number of Negroes intended to be loaded in each Vessel: To which is subjoin'd an Account of three of the Company's Ships sent within that Time also.

When Entred out at the Custom- House.	Ships Names.	Ten perCent. Duty paid.	Ten perCent. paid by Al- lowance on Ships lost.	Woollen Goods.										Number of Ne- groes de- sign'd by each Ship.
				Pieces of Per- pets.	Says.	Baf- fa- dos.	Pen- ni- stons.	Car- pets.	Bays.	Long Cloths.	Pieces Fusti- an.	Stuffs and Blan- kets.		
From the Port of L O N D O N.														
Octob. 3, 1709.	Loyal Johnson	69 13 00									2			200
	Houlditch Friggot	113 17 11												270
November 18.	Three Crowns	101 19 10		1100				50						275
December 1.	Thompson Friggot	246 4 0		800				50						500
15.	Prosperous	38 14 0								2				120
January 28.	John and Robert	42 2 0								1				130
March 29, 1710.	Emelia	352 16 0		2000					20					400
April 1.	Rachael	58 16 7		100							40			
May 10.	John Gally	148 7 7		2100		10		50						350
	Dolphin, Glegg Master..	95 3 0		1400										240
	Little London		120 13 8	1400				100						300
June 5.	Pearle	97 16 6					24		2		6	6		200
17.	Joseph	33 17 8	125 10 4	1930				50				200		350
30.	William	55 14 0		500				40						150
July 27.	Raper Gally	94 8 3	104 07 3	1680	40		6							350
29.	Nancy	161 11 0		2225							50	271		
	Charles Gally	161 2 0		2200				50						350
August 7.	Fanteen Gally	52 14 3	115 01 8	2078	18	16		100						375
	Amy Gally	236 7 10						10	16	3	70			500
	Recovery	55 10 7	73 16 7	1627	10			50				50		300
17.	Dolphin, Paine Master	91 00 3												250
	Swallow Gally	127 12 8		1473				50				50		300
18.	Dorothea	295 16 6		600										450
September 8.	Providence	92 9 9					4			6				250
On Imports		2823 15 2	539 09 6	23213	68	26	34	600	8	14	166	571		
		417 06 4												
		3241 01 6												
From the Port of B R I S T O L.														
1709.	Henvile paid after last Years Account given in.	101 13 5½		870	20		48							300
October 15.	Happy Return	73 5 11		500	10	10								180
November 21.	Leopard Gally	72 4 11												200
December 17.	Martha	81 13 00		800										200
31.	Union Sloop	38 7 9		414										140
January 4.	Indian King	138 18 7		300		3		30						350
		506 03 7½		2884	30	13	48	30						7885

Woollen Goods.													
When Entred out.	Ships Names.	Ten per Cent. Duty paid.	Ten per Cent. paid by Al- lowance on Ships lost.	Peices of Per- pets.	Says.	Baf- sa- dos.	Pen- ni- stons.	Car- pets.	Bays.	Long Cloths.	Pieces Fusti- an.	Stuffs and Blan- kets.	Number of Ne- groes de- sign'd by each Ship.
1701. January 11. March 29. May. June 20. 27. July 5. September 5. 6. 14. 26.	Brought over—	l. s. d. 506 3 7½	—	2884	30	13	48	30	—	—	—	—	7885
	Dover Gally	112 12 9	—	825	30	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	250
	Union Gally	61 8 9	—	580	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200
	Mermaid	65 14 0	46 6 5	1200	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	270
	Berkley Gally	175 6 3	—	1850	20	20	12	24	—	—	—	—	350
	Elizabeth and Sarah	67 1 7	—	500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	170
	Africa Gally	161 2 4	—	1400	—	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	350
	Martha Brigantine	84 18 4	—	700	10	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	180
	Way Gally	—	99 13 0	800	20	10	—	15	—	—	—	—	240
	Expedition	15 2 11	69 1 4	600	20	10	—	15	—	—	—	—	180
	Anne Brigantine	111 10 4	—	975	15	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	200
	Mary Sloop	59 5 10	—	203	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	100
	Neptune Sloop	64 9 11	37 17 6	850	20	12	—	15	—	—	—	—	180
	Bridgewater	92 8 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	350
	Brought from the other side. Port of London.	1577 5 ½ 3241 1 6	252 18 3 539 9 6	13367 23213	190 121 68 26	96 34	99 600	38 38	14 14	166 166	571 571	—	—
		4818 6 7½	792 7 9	36580	258 147	130	699	38	14	166	571	—	—
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
From Jamaica.	The Alexander Gally	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	250
	Neptune Brigantine	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	140
	Edwin Sloop	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	120
From Barbadoes.	Crow Sloop	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	120
	St. Thomas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	110
Total— Ten per Cent Duty.	One Ship from Liverpool On the Company's Account, three Ships only from the Port of London sent this Year, viz.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	The Dorothy	167 13 6	—	1050	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	The Camwood	64 15 0	—	40	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
	The Broughton	166 7 9	—	500	—	—	—	60	—	—	—	—	—
		398 16 3	—	1590	—	—	18	60	—	—	—	—	11645

By the above Account, 'tis plain there were dispatch'd on account of private Traders 50 Ships between Michaelmas, 1709. and Michaelmas 1710. besides such others as were sent from divers of the Plantations (whereof we cannot come at the Account) within that Time.

Moreover, divers Ships of the former Years Trade were not return'd from their Voyage; and since Michaelmas, there have been fitted out for Africa, from the Ports of London and Bristol, 15 or 16 Ships, 3 from the Ports of Liverpool and one from Whitehaven, besides what others are gone from the Plantations, so that upon a modest Computation, the Separate Traders to Africa have at least Eighty odd Ships employ'd in this Trade.

N. B. From whence arises this Question, viz. How many Ships and Cargoes have the Petitioners for an Exclusive Trade sent out in this Time, between Michaelmas 1709, and April 1711? The Answer to which is, That the Company have sent out 3 or 4 Ships, and the Company's Creditors and other Petitioners, who come to the House to support this lost Trade, have sent never a one at all, and have none to send.

N. B. From the above Account arise divers other Observations; as that the 10 per Cent. Duty hath this Year amounted to l. 6109 : 10 : 07. and that the Number of Pieces of Goods made of Sheeps Wool, amount to 37000 and odd Pieces, besides those shipp'd from America; whereas the Company when Exclusive, even in Time of Peace, shipp'd off but 7 or 8000 Pieces a Year, including Blankets and Carpets, as appears by their own printed Accounts given out in the Lobby last Year, call'd, *A clear Demonstrative*, &c. indeed they add to those Accounts their Anabasses, being Cloth of a Yard long made of Cotton, to make up a Number which even then don't make out above half the Number of Pieces as are exported annually now altho 'tis in the Time of War; so that the Vent of our Woollen Manufacture in Africa is become 4 times more under an open Trade in War than 'twas under an exclusive Trade in Peace.

N. B. 'Tis farther to be observed also, that the Provision made for the Number of Negroes to be deliver'd last Year, amounts to double the Number of what was deliver'd by the Company in time of Peace, when Exclusive, which were for 8 Years in an Avaridge according to the Company's own Account, laid before the Lords Commissioners of Trade, no more than 5155 Negroes a Year.

So that it appears, that the African Trade is so far from being like to be lost, that 'tis plain from all Demonstration that 'tis now in a better Condition than ever before, except in the 3 Years of Peace, between 1699 and 1702.

Indeed the Trade hath been in much Danger by the Neutrality made by the Company with the Enemy this War, by their delivering up the Trade of Gambia to them, by their Factors all along the Coast buying the Prize Goods off which the French had taken from Separate Traders; and by many other Abuses too long for this Paper, which 'tis hop'd will be redress'd in Time.